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SUBJECT: UPU: 1976 UPU SUB-GROUP, GENEVA GROUP

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, US AND UK ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF UPU SUB-GROUP OF GENEVA GROUP. IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS UK SERVES AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF SUB-GROUP AND US AS REPPORTEUR; IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS POSITION REVERSED. THUS FOR 1976 UK WILL PRESIDE.

2. SINCE 1975 US MISSION GENEVA HAS FOLLOWED UPU AFFAIRS; TELECOMMUNICATIONS ATTACHE IS RESPONSIBLE AT MISSION FOR UPU MATTERS. UK COUNTERPART IS PATRICK GRIER, DCM, BRITISH EMBASSY BERN.

3. TELATT AND GRIER HAVE BEEN IN TELEGRAPHIC CONTACT REGARDING TIMING AND AGENCA OF 1976 GENEVA GROUP SUB-GROUP:

A. RE TIMING -- IT TRADITIONAL THAT UPU SUB-GROUP MEETING TAKES PLACE FOR ONE AND ONE HALF DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO OPENING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION. ACCORDINGLY FOR 1976 UK HAS PROPOSED MEETING BEGINNING MORNING MAY 3 AND RUNNING TO NOON MAY 4. ARE THESE DATES ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT AND USPS?

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B) THE UK POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE PROPOSED FOLLOWING

AGENDA FOR GENEVA GROUP SUB-GROUP MEETING:

- 1) UPU BUDGETS 1976 AND 1977
 - 2) CURRENT STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UPU;
 - 3) CURRENT STATUS OF UPU RATIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION;
 - 4) ECOSOC IN-DEPTH STUDY PREPARED BY DR CACCIATORE OF ITALY IN 1975;
 - 5) LAUSANNE CONGRESS RES C-85 (ARGENTINE SUGGESTION FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POSTAL DEVELOPMENT);
 - 6) REPORT ON GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING FOR 1976;
 - 7) DATE OF MEETING;
 - 8) OTHER BUSINESS.
4. TEL ATT HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED FOR MEETING WITH GRIER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3. MISSION WOULD ACCORDINGLY APPRECIATE ANY INITIAL VIEWS DEPARTMENT AND USPS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BY THEN, THOUGH WE REALIZE SHORT TIME FRAME INVOLVED. (UK PROPOSALS NOT RECEIVED BY MISSION UNTIL FEB 26), THUS WE FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS US VIEWS WITH GRIEF AT LATER DATE IF WASHINGTON COMMENTS NOT RECEIVED BY MARCH 2.
5. TELATT ALSO PLANS COURTESY CALLS ON UPU DIRECTOR GENERAL SOBHI AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL SCOTT ON SAME DAY AND WILL RELAY ANY THOUGHTS FROM WASHINGTON RECEIVED PRIOR TO CALLS.
6. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE IT TRADITIONAL FOR TWO CO-CHAIRMEN TO HOST LUNCHEON FOR ENTIRE GENEVA GROUP SUB-GROUP AND TO SPLIT COSTS OF SUCH LUNCHEON. IN 1975, US SHARE OF THIS EXPENSE AMOUNTED TO US DOLS 120. REQUEST DEPARTMENT MAKE PROVISION FOR THIS EXPENDITURE AT EARLIEST DATE SINCE IN 1975 REIMBURSEMENT NOT RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON UNTIL

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TWO MONTHS AFTER LUNCHEON, RESULTING IN CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO MISSION. BRUNGART

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